

*Attorney's Docket No. TN223
Amendment*

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REMARKS

Claims 1-67 are pending in the instant application. Claims 22-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Claims 44-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cofod (WO 97/00483). Claims 44-65 and 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-21 are allowable and claims 22-43, 65, and 67 recite allowable subject matter subject to an appropriate amendment to overcome the previously asserted rejections under §112. Claims have been amended and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

In paragraphs 4-6 on page 3 of the July 17, 2006 office action, the examiner asserts that claims 22-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for suggestions to overcome these rejections. As such, modification has also been made to independent claims 22, 43-44, and 65 to overcome inconsistencies in the claim language itself in the above amendment, thus it is believed that the rejection based in Section 112 is also overcome.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 2002/0099649). The Examiner's Section 102 rejection is based on alleged anticipation by a reference Lee et al. that addresses the question of how to discover fraudulent transactions generated by particular entities based on transaction records. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claim 2 that the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter. As such, the Applicants respectfully maintain that all of the pending claims are now patentable over the prior art of record.

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CONCLUSION

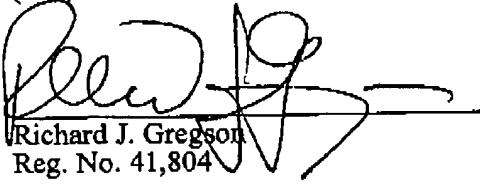
Based on all these considerations and amendment, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is again urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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